problem of illegal growth of hazardous chemical units in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The Government is not aware of any illegal or unregistered chemical units in the country. No study has been made by the Government to identitfy the factors responsible for the growth of such units.

(c) Does not arise.

Production of industries hit due to shortage of power in Uttar Pradesh

2881. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of industries have been hit in Uttar Pradesh and their production has fallen due to shortage of power in the State during the period from January, 1987 to December, 1988;

(b) if so, which are the industries affected by this power shortage and to what extent production has been affected; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Details of industries hit by power shortage in Uttar Pradesh are not available. However, according to DGTD, production in some units manufacturing cement, paper, industrial gases, steel castings have been affected by shortage of power in Uttar Pradesh.

CSO does not compile state-wise index of industrial production. However, according to the index of industrial production compiled by CSO on an all-India level, the rates of growth of industrial production were 10.5 per cent in 1987 and 7.8 per cent in 1988. Government has been providing a number of fiscal and financial incentives to stimulate industrial growth. Government is also taking steps to ensure that the infrastructure industries perform well to support industrial production.

Loans outstanding against Public Sector Undertakings

2882. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of loans and other debts outstanding against various public sector undertakings;

(b) whether the terms and conditions of the various borrowing institutions are being followed by the public sector undertakings for the repayment; and

(c) whether Government are taking steps to collect the outstanding amount?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Total amount of loans and debts outstanding against various Public Sector Enterprises as on 31-3-88, upto which date the data is available is Rs. 46952.11 crores.

(b) and (c) Terms and Conditions of repayment of loans are followed except where the financial position of the enterprise makes it difficult for them to repay loans and pay interest in time. Enterprise—specific action is taken by Government in such cases.

Impact of liberalised trade policies

2883. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the liberalisation of trade policies in recent years has led to an unprecendented rise in the corporate conflicts involving a number of hostile take-over bids and mergers in 1988;

(b) if so, what is the total number of big companies that changed hands during 1988; and